

In re Appln. of Jerome L. Krupa
Application No. 09/759,875
Response to Final Office Action of February 10, 2005

Remarks

The following remarks are responsive to the February 10, 2005, Final Office Action.

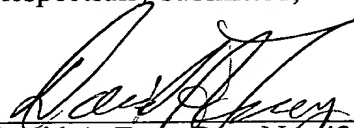
Claims 96-104 are pending as a result of this amendment. Claims 91-95 and 105-109 have been canceled.

In the latest Office Action, claims 91-95 and 105 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,561,426 (Blanford et al.). Claims 96-104 were allowed.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 96-104 and hereby cancel all claims other than 96-104 that are pending in the application.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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